

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Drive belt for rotational transfer of a force between two or more drive wheels, provided with a tensile means for transferring the force to be transferred between said drive wheels, in which the tensile means is incorporated radially centred in the belt, which belt is provided with transverse elements disposed on to at least one radial side of said tensile means, effecting a contact between the belt and a drive wheel, and in which elastically deformable material is included between the tensile means and the transverse elements, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the tensile means is composed of a solid flat strip ~~or sheet like tensile means of minimal thickness, and of a width at least substantially corresponding to the width of a transverse means disposed on to at least one radial side of said tensile means which tensile means is included in the belt with overlapping end parts.~~

2. (previously presented) Drive belt according to claim 1, the width of ~~which strap like means~~ the tensile means substantially corresponding to the width of the transverse means at the level of the tensile means in the belt, and in the strap

like means is incorporated in the belt with radial overlapping end parts.

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the tensile means is comprises an elastically deformable, rubber like material, coated on to the tensile element, such that a small layer of material is located in a contact between the tensile element and a transverse element.

5. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the tensile element is of a thickness less than 0.5 mm, ~~preferably less than 0,25 mm, in particular 0,1 mm or less.~~

6. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the width of the tensile means at least substantially corresponds to the width of a transverse element, the width of the transverse element slightly extending beyond the tensile means.

7. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the element thickness is less than ~~0,20~~ 0.20 times the smallest running radius, ~~in particular less than 1,5 mm.~~

8. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1 ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the intermediate body has an

elasticity modulus more than 6 times lower than that of the transverse elements.

9. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the mutual distance of the transverse elements corresponds to the thickness of the transverse elements;

10. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the maximum height of the intermediate body corresponds to the mutual distance between the transverse elements.

11. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the intermediate body is provided over at least a substantial part of the width of the tensile means.

12. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the maximum height of the intermediate body is less than half of the transverse element height taken from the relevant radial side of the tensile means to the relevant radial end of the transverse ~~means~~ elements.

13. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the intermediate body is adhesively attached to the relevant radial face of the tensile means.

14. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the maximum element height is less than half of the nominal element width.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) Belt according to claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the tensile means is composed of a single part which is curled to an endless element.

17. (currently amended) ~~Endless pull belt,~~ Belt according to claim 1, for application in a transmission with a V-wedged pulley, comprising a tensile means and transverse elements comprising a V-shape with lateral pulley contacting faces, an elastically deformable spacing means being located longitudinally between said transverse elements, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that tensile means comprises a flat[[,]] strip ~~like tensile element~~ of a minimal thickness  $TT$ , ~~i.e. 0,05~~ 0.05 mm  $\geq TT \leq$  ~~0,25~~ 0.25 mm, extending over a width  $WT$ , substantially matching the nominal width  $WB$  of [[an]] a transverse element, ~~i.e. 0.5\*WB~~ 0.5 WB  $\geq WT \leq 0.9$  [[\*]]  $WB$ , the strip like tensile element being located centred over the radial height of [[an]] a transverse element in the belt, ~~the tensile element further being composed like a single body, preferably a strip composed of metal material or of a synthetic UD material.~~

18. (new) Belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said strip is 0.05-0.25 mm.

19. (new) Belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said strip is less than 0.25 mm.

20. (new) Belt according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said strip is no more than 0.1 mm.